Large Corpora-

prices.

The Lawyer Had a Deal on With the Old Panama Company to "Americanize" the Canal, but It Fell Through-Didn't Make Over \$200,000 -- Got No Rakeoffs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- William Nelson Cromwell of New York, whose general advisory relation to the Panama Canal administration has aroused so much comment in the Senate, had another strenuous day before the Committee on Interoceanic Canals. Senator Morgan of Alabama again nursued the lawyer releatlessly.

The members of the commission held an executive session devoted to an effort to limit the scope of Senator Morgan's inquiry, and just before the hearing closed. when the patience of Mr. Morgan's con-Treres seemed exhausted, Chairman Millard tried to bring the Alabama Senator within

Mr. Morgan strongly resented the suggestion of the chairman. "I think I know my rights and I'll certainly not abandon them. And if you overrule me I'll take it to the floor of the Senate."

You certainly know your rights, Senator," replied Senator Millard in pacificatory "There is no disposition to deny your rights."

At another time in the hearing Senator Knox of Pennsylvania objected to Mr. Morgan questioning the witness concerning the reasons for sending Special Attorneys Day and Russell to Paris to consummate the transfer of the canal property to the United States.

"I take the responsibility for that; for I was Attorney-General at the time and was officially charged with the responsibility," said Mr. Knox. "Lobject to Mr. Cromwell answering. If that is to be explained, I'll

The important feature of the day's hearing came just before the committee adjourned, when Mr. Morgan produced and nad read a copy of an agreement between William Nelson Cromwell and the old Panama Canal Company dated November 21, 1899, by the terms of which Mr. Cromwell was empowered to act as agent or attorney in a general plan of "Americaniz-ing" the canal. Mr. Cromwell had refused earlier in the day to state the character of his professional service to the new canal company, asserting that the relations of counsel and client subsisted.

Mr. Morgan's questioning was evidently designed to show that Mr. Cromwell acted as a promoter.

That paper is not a contract; it is a power of attorney, said Mr. Cromwell with a dramatic gesture. "It is without vitality, a thing dead, forgotten, obsolete. Nothing ever came of it. It was a project that failed."

But I propose to show that you actually organized a corporation under the laws of New Jersey to carry out the objects of this instrument," said Mr. Morgan. "Didn't

What was done was done," said Mr. *Do you deny that you actually organized

a corporation under the power given in this paper to carry out its objects?" per-sisted Mr. Morgan. "What I did I did," retorted Mr. Crom-

what I did I did, retorted Mr. Crom-well with a wave of his hand, and repeated questions by Senator Morgan brought only a repetition of that answer. Finally Mr. Morgan asked that an ad-journment of the committee be taken until o-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Before doing so the Alabama Senator exhibited a portfolio filled with documents and inti-mated that he had fifty-seven varieties of trouble in reserve for Mr. Cromwell z

Mr. Cromwell was an entertaining wit-ess. He talked about his large fees in a casual way. He couldn't recall to-day, for example, whether his salary as counsel for the Panama Railroad was \$6,000 or \$6,500. He finally turned to a Mr. Curtis,

a member of his law firm, and inquired.

Mr. Morgan began the questioning by demanding of Mr. Cromwell that he state how much compensation he or his firm received from the new French canal company. Mr. Cromwell said bluntly that he did not consider it the business of the committee and he refused to answer.

Mr. Cromwell said he was employed by

ma Canal Company in 1896 and that Mr. Farnham was employed some time afterward. He admitted that all told his compensation didn't exceed \$200,000. Farnham didn't get over \$3,000 a year: he was merely one of the many clerks in Mr. Cromscolle.

I have never received a dollar, directly indirectly," said Mr. Cromwell, "from the \$40,000,000 representing the purchase price of the Panama Canal.

price of the Panama Canal.

"I have never received a dollar from the Republic of Panama. I have never been interested, directly or indirectly, in the securities of the Panama Canal Company. My only compensation has been that of counsel for the Panama Railroad, a place which our firm had held for ten years before the sale of the property to the United States Government, and I have remained at the request of the United States Government for the last two years."

for the last two years."

As a result of persistent questioning Mr. Cromwell said that none of the "expense money" accompanying his fee had been paid for press work, but admitted that one magazine article had been prepared by E. L. Corthell. Asked if the \$200,000 received from the new canal company represented all the compensation to be received by Mr. Cromwell's firm as attorney for the company, he replied that his professional relationship still existed and when it ended would issue a statement of his fee. "It ill be paid," said Mr. Cromwell.

Senator Morgan inquired concerning Mr. Cromwell's relation as fiscal commissioner for the Republic of Panama. The witness said he served without compensation for the honor and glory there was in it.' real estate, mortgages on which were held by the Panama republic. This work took four or five months and was a mere incident of the firm's business

NEW RECIPROCITY SCHEME. Bill Introduced in House Which Is Said to

Have Roosevelt's Indorsement. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-Representative Curtis (Rep., Kan.), a member of the Ways and Means Committee, to-day introduced a bill the purport of which is to revive the reciprocity issue. It authorizes the President to enter into commercial agreements with foreign countries for a reduction of duties upon certain classes of goods coming into the United States for a specific

period not exceeding five years.

The reduction mentioned in the bill is 20 per cent. of the Dingley rates upon such goods as may be designated and the transfer of other classes of mechandise from

the dutiable to the free list.

The action of Mr. Curtis was taken after
consultation with Secretary Root, who is understood to favor the proposition, and it is said that the measure has the indorse-ment of the President. An effort will be made to get consideration at this session by the Ways and Means Committee.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- The battleship Indiana has arrived at Guantanamo: the cruiser Tacoma at Gibraltar, and the collier

Lebanon at Bradford.
The cruisers Chicago, Boston and Marble-head, the gunboat Princeton and the de-stroyers Perry and Paul Jones have sailed m San Diego for Magdalena Bay: the aboats El Cano and Quires from Shangfor Kiukiang; the cruisers Brooklyn and Galveston from Naples for Piraus; the gunboat Paducah from Nassau for Monte Cristi; the tank ship Arethusa from Gnan-tanamo for League Island, and the yacht Scorpion from Monte Cristi for Sanchez.

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WELL, WELL BLUFF CALLED. Ex-Cop's Stakes Won the Bet for Him -Gloom in Poverty Hollow.

Jake Newfield, the "well, well," Mayor of Poverty Hollow, is still making speeches to the moon, the sun, the stars and Spike Rosenbloom. He caught District Attorney Jerome yesterday in Essex street, and inroduced himself with newspaper clippings. "You are our District Attorney." shouted, "but I am the Mayor. I will give you all the assistance possible in getting

after those guys and fourflushers that are down this way.' When Newfield was warming up, District Attorney Jerome thought it time to escape. Newfield, who had a grievance, was greatly disappointed. He wanted to tell Mr. Jerome how he crossed the borders of Poverty Hollow the other night into the Sullivan bailiwick, where Pat Kehoe has many strong armed friends, and what happened

to him On the night in question Newfield received a warm welcome along the Bowery Greetings were especially cordial in every saloon in which he bought drinks for the

He paid his first official visit to the Hon-Florrie and Chrystie Sullivan. The Hon-Florrie escaped through a rear door, in the middle of an ovation, but Chrystie listened

Some time later Newfield went into the hotel of a well known politician on the Bow-ery near Grand street. He was stopped from making speeches but went around shaking hands with every one. He finally struck a table where two ex-policemen, one of them a former wardman, were playing pinochle. They refused to be interrupted, but Newfield persisted.

I hear you guys are sports," he said. "I'll bet you that you ain't got a hundred dollars in your pockets. I am the only sport in the How much do you want to bet?" asked the

ex-wardman. x-wardman.
"Ten dollars," said Newfield.
"Bet you a hundred," said the ex-ward-

'I go you," said Newfield as he placed a bright, crisp \$100 bill on the table.
"Well, here is where I come in," said the
ex-wardman, and he placed a bill of similar
denomination on the table and gathered in
Normald's.

Now run away and play, " said the winner, as he and his friend resumed the game. Newfield raved and stormed for his money back, but got no satisfaction. He had several subsequent interviews

with the ex-wardman, who gave him the laugh. Newfield hired a lawyer yesterday to recover the money for him and the first step will be police court summonaes against the former cop. Every one of Newfield's constituents knows the sad story. "That was easy money," said the ex-wardman yesterday. "I had a sure thing."

FREE SEEDS THREATENED.

tine Activity of a Paternal Government to End if Congress Has Nerve.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- Vegetable seed, strawberry plants, grapevines and fruits will no longer be passed out gratis by the Government if the action taken to-day by the House Committee on Agriculture is indorsed by both branches of Congress. For many years efforts have been made

to abolish the custom of distributing seeds through members of Congress, but they have invariably failed. The sentiment in both Houses is against the practice, but for political reasons members have been rather timid in support of measures proposing to cut

The matter came up in the House Committee to-day in connection with the Agriculture Appropriation bill. When that section of the measure authorizing free seeds was reached there was a lively wrangle, and on vote of 8 to 7 it was decided not to authorize an appropriation for the

FEARS FOR THE STATE'S WATER.

Representative Bennet Explains Dangers

of Lake Erie and Ohio Canal Scheme. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-The Dalzell bill o incorporate the Lake Erie and Ohio River Ship Canal Company was passed by

the House of Representatives to-day. the House of Representatives to-day.

Mr. Bennet (Rep., N. Y.) one of the critics of the bill, explained the ground of his objections subsequently. He did not carry his opposition to the point of voting against the bill, hoping that desired changes would be used in the Strate. be made in the Senate.
"I wanted an amendment," said Mr.

Bennet, "to prevent the canal company from coming into the State of New York to get the water for supplying the canal. As it passed the House there is absolutely no limitation upon the power of the com-pany as to where it shall go for the neces-sary water, and I had an amendment prosary water, and I had an amendment pro-hibiting it from taking any water from streams in New York State or from Niagara Falls. No opportunity was given amendment, however."

amendment, however."
"Do you think that under the bill the company can go to that extent?" was asked. "Well," he replied, "ever since I saw the Huckleberry street railroad constructed Huckleberry street railroad constructed in The Bronx under the provisions of a bill authorizing repairs to the Baptist Church at Painted Post I take anything for granted in a corporation bill not specifically nailed down."

Brown Not to Leave Supreme Bench.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- Invitations have een issued by Charles Henry Butler, the official reporter of the Supreme Court of the United States, for a reception on March 2 on the states. for a reception on March 2 in honor of the seventieth birthday of Associate Justice Henry Brown. Under the law Justice Brown will be privileged to retire on that date, but he has no intention of doing so. He has entirely recovered from the trouble to his eyes, which at one time was regarded as very se rious. Justice Brown has been a member of the Supreme Court for fifteen years.

Army and Navy Orders. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- This army order was

Capt. Clarence N. Purdy, First Infantry, from eneral hospital, San Francisco, to the Philippine

These navy orders were issued to day:
Rear Admiral C. M. Chester, orders of February
23 modined; to Bureau of Equipment. Navy Department, for special duty.
Commander C. P. Eaton, retired, to Washington,
for duty in office of Judge Advocate General,
Assistant Paymaster E. M. Hacker, to navy yard,
Washington, for course of instruction at Navy
Pay Officers School.
Naval Constructor S. P. Smith, from naval station, Cavite, to Washington for special duty, Bureau
of Construction and Repairs.

The President to day sent to the Senate the following nominations: Navy-Commander to be Captain-Albert C. Dilleutenant (Junior grade) to be Lieutenantct C. Cooke. tenant, to be a Lieutenant-Commander-Bion Cristi; the tank ship Arethusa from Guantanamo for League Island, and the yacht Scorpion from Monte Cristi for Sanchez.

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HE TACKLES GOVERNOR, HIS FOL-LOWERS THE COMMITTEES.

Batteries of Eloquence Let Loose in Favor of the Merger Investigation, Elsberg and Other M. O. Bills-Coler and Baker at the Guns-Jerome Hissed.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.-William Randolph Hearst invaded Albany to-day. He is still on the ground. Leading a delegation of 500 of his noisy followers he descended upon the city shortly after 12 o'clock.

Mr. Hearst was scheduled to appear before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and the Assembly chamber was crowded not only with his own faithful but with people who were anxious to behold him. Mr. Hearst, however, left the committee to his subordinates, while he, like a great commander, went to the Governor and addressed the latter on the object of his coming to

The Municipal Ownership, now the Independent Delegation, League came to Albany on a special train. Lunch was served at the Ten Eyck Hotel, after which the New Yorkers went to the Capitol. Mr. Hearst and the chief lieutenants separated from the rank and file of the delegation and went to the Executive Chamber, while the others scattered about the third floor of the Capitol, on which the legislative halls are situated.

Mr. Hearst's delegation, it may be mentioned, was met by the remnants of three defunct parties in this city, one the Municipal Independent League, comprising three members; another the sole represensative of the Single Tax party, and the third the only Populist in town. Mr. Hearst was also met by the man who went about the State and, posing as a Bryanite, got up a State ticket to draw votes from the Democratic ticket in 1898 and 1902. He was employed by

the Republican party managers.

In the Executive Chamber Mr. Hearst told the Governor that the people he led were in favor of the Schmitt merger investigation resolution, the Schmitt merger investi-gation resolution, the Schmitt ballot re-form bill, as well as the Young bill to abolish the Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners, the Eleberg Rapid Transit law amendments, the Elsberg Rapid Transit law amendments, the Harvey semi-monthly payments measure, and the Bock Eight Hour bill. Mr. Hearst laid especial strength on the merger, saying:

"Greater New York, through the subserving of the present city administration and the Rapid Transit Commission, two powerful corporation influences, is in the grip of a traction combination which holds its own employees and the travelling public equally at its mercy."

equally at its mercy."

Mr. Hearst said the corrupt corporations were ever on the alert to recognize and reward the representatives who betray the and serve the trusts, and that good people and serve the trusts, and that good citizens who are eager to preserve purity in public life and effectiveness in public service must be equally ready to recognize without selfish motive or party prejudice the representatives who faithfully serve

the representatives who faithfully serve the people and promote the public welfare. Gov. Higgins replied:
"Mr. Hearst, and gentlemen of the delegation: I am glad to have you come here to present your views to the executive and explain these matters which later may come before the Governor officially. I shall give careful consideration to the ideas and suggestions advanced by Mr. Hearst, and shall take such action on the bills discussed by him as seems proper and my duty if

shall take such action on the bills discussed by him as seems proper and my duty if they reach the executive chamber."

In the Assembly chamber there was quite a lively hearing. Vitriolic remarks were so common that even the carpet on the Assem-bly chamber floor was affected. Vocal fire-works were discharged at random, and the

works were discharged at random, and the speeches were interspersed with loud and frequent applause. The feature of the hearing here was the fact that the mention of the name of District Attorney Jerome was greeted with hissos.

Bird S. Coler, the borough of Brooklyn president, made a speech protesting against the merger in Manhattan. Robert Baker managed to make one of his fire eating speeches and told the members of the Legislature to beware, that down in New York all who denied them what they sought York all who denied them what they sought would be punished, and the up-State people

were to help them. The merger was branded as everything that was bad and as the main cause of the defeat of Mr. Hearst last fall. Watered stock, fraud, iniquitous, robbery, swindle and a few more such adjectives were ap-plied. James Cochrane, a lawyer of New York, the Rev. Charles C. Ballis, the Rev. Charles R. Ease and the Rev. M. L. Gates of Brooklyn, were the other speakers. of Brooklyn were the oth

J. Phelps Stokes appeared before the labor and industries committee and pleaded for the passage of the eight hour law.

Clarence J. Shearn and other Hearstites appeared before various other legislative appeared before various other legislative committees in favor of the Hearst measures.

Mr. Hearst's followers returned to New York somewhat miffed at Mr. Hearst, because they believed that they were to be permitted to see the Governor, but only a few of them managed to get into the Executive Chamber. Last week a representative of Mr. Hearst against the Governor if of Mr. Hearst asked the Governor if tive of Mr. rearst asked the dovernor in the would receive a Hearst delegation. The Governor replied that he would receive Mr. Hearst and some of his friends, but didn't

want a big delegation to wait upon him.

An engagement was made for Mr. Hearst to meet the Governor at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. To-day, however, Mr. Hearst's representative called up the Governor and asked him if he could not change the appointment to 1:30 o'clock this afternoor stating that Mr. Hearst was going out of town to-night. The Governor looked over his appointment book and found his time was pretty well crowded for to-day, but he consented to greet Mr. Hearst and some of his friends at 2:30 o'clock, when the meeting was had and Mr. Hearst made

THOMAS MUST PAY AUTO FINE. Court of Appeals Affirms Conviction of

Banker for Violating Speed Laws. ALBANY, Feb. 27 .- The Court of Appeals o-day affirmed conviction, without opinion, in the case of Edward R. Thomas, the banker of New York city, charged with violating the State Automobile law in operating an automobile at a greater rate of speed than one mile in six minutes on a public highway in New York.

He made an application for a new trial and the trial court depict it. The He made an application for a new trial and the trial court denied it. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court affirmed that decision, which is in turn affirmed by the Court of Appeals. The defendant was arrested on April 23, last year at West End avenue and 106th street, New York city. He was tried before Magistrate Crane in the Court of Special Sessions and fined \$25.

The Mortgage Tax Hearing.

So many persons have signified their intention of attending the hearing at Albany on March 1 in opposition to the Mortgage Tax law that it has been decided to secure a special train, which will leave the Grand Central Station at 8:50 A. M., returning after the hearing.

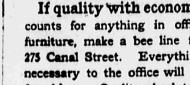
PUNCHED THE STOUT MAN.

Mason Thought Sloane Took Up Too Much Space in a Street Car. James Kent Mason, treasurer of the firm of Pier Bros., dealers in hops, at 16 White-

hall street, and living at 401 West End avenue, was summoned to the West Side avenue, was summoned to the west side court yesterday afternoon to explain why he assaulted William A. Sloane, a retired druggist, of 200 West Eighty-eighth street. The assault, which Mason admitted, occurred at Eighty-eighth street and Amsterdam avenue last Wednesday night. Sloane declared that Mason, who is portly, here had him in passing into the lan of a

brushed him in passing into the lap of a woman on an Amsterdam avenue car. When Sloane started to leave the car he commented on the amount of space Mason commented on the amount of space Mason occupied. A heated argument took place and finally Mason punched Sloane in the face. Mason said he didn't strike until Sloane insulted him. Sloane denied doing

Magistrate Whitman asked Sloane if he would accept Mason's apology for striking him. Sloane said that he wouldn't. Then the case was dismissed.



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M'CARREN FIGHTS IN VAIN FOR BROOKLYN WAREHOUSES.

Property Owned in Other States and Kept Here Must Pay a Tax if the Governor Signs the Measure-Setback for Scheme to Help New Alton Bonds.

ALBANY, Feb. 27 .- Senator Saxe to-day outgeneralled the opposition led by Senator Patrick Henry McCarren to his bill taxing in this State the personal property of nonresidents, and the bill now goes to the Governor for his approval. The bill passed the Senate some time ago, and the Assembly passed it after so amending it that it should not apply to bank deposits.

The Senate was asked to-day to concur in the Assembly amendment, but Senators McCarren and Hill insisted that there should be a hearing before the Senate Committee on Taxation and Retrenchment on the amended bill. Senator McCarren said that the hill taxed goods in Brooklyn warehouses which were now struggling for financial existence and which could hardly pay the interest on their bonds and that these warehouses were established to care for commerce driven from the port of New York by unjust exactions.

Senator Hill said that the language of the bill would lead to the inference that it

taxed bills in transit. Senator Saxe replied that if that were true the bill was unconstitutional as being an interference with interstate commerce The bill did not do this, he said. He asserted that it would tax goods in warehouses not in bond or transit and that that was one of the objects of the bill. Under the present law, said Senator Saxe, our merchants are discriminated against in the matter of taxation

Senator McCarren wanted the bill recommitted for a hearing within a week or two. Senator Lewis, the chairman of the Taxation Committee, said that nothing would be gained by this course, as the com-mittee knew that the bill taxed these warehouse goods when it decided to report the bill favorably. Senator Grady upheld Senator Saxe

and practically routed the opposition to the bill. A motion to recommit the bill was defeated by a vote of 12 ayes, 33 noes. The Assembly amendments were concurred in and the bill was repassed by a vote of 37 to 4, Senators Gardner, Hill, McCarren and Raines voting agaist it. The bill now and Raines voting agaist it. The bill now goes to Gov. Higgins for his signature.

The new provision regarding taxation of personal property of non-residents reads as follows:

The personal property of non-residents of the State having an actual situs in the State and not forming a part of capital invested in business in the State shall be taxed in the tax list where such property is situate. This subdivision shall not apply to money on deposit by or debts owing to such nonresidents, nor shall it be construed as in any manner modifying or changing the law imposing a tax on real estate mortgage securities.

The Assembly refused to pass Assemblyman Wainwright's bill, desired by the State Savings Banks Association, which continues as legal investments the bonds of a railroad nerged with another corporation whose bonds are not a legal savings bank invest-ment. The bill is supposed to be in the in-terests of Chicago and Alton bonds, which terests of Chicago and Alton bonds, which railroad corporation is now controlled by a holding company. The bill came up on the order of final passage and but 65 votes in its favor could be secured to 60 in opposition, 76 being required to pass the bill.

Assemblyman W. I. Lee introduced a bill authorizing the abandonment of the Kings county almshouse. The building is to be torn down and the material used in the erection of another almshouse in New York city, or to be sold and the money paid to the Comptroller. The Commissioners of Charities are authorized to erect another almshouse on an island in the East River or add an addition to the present city almsor add an addition to the present city almshouse in their discretion. The new building must be ready for occupancy in two years. The bill authorizes an issue of \$300,000 revenue bonds for the purposes of the bill.

The Assembly passed Assemblyman
Murphy's two bills, designed to break up the cadet system and the white slave traffic which has grown to such alarming propor-tions in New York city.

STANDS FIRM ON 11TH AVE BILL. Senator Saxe Won't Give Committee Chance

to Run in Elevated Measure.

ALBANY, Feb. 27 - Senator Saxe plainly let the Senate understand to-day that he would permit no juggling with the Saxe-Stanley bill, providing that the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company take its freight tracks off the surface of Eleventh avenue in Manhattan

This bill passed the Assembly last week and is on the order of final passage in the Senate. When it was reached to-day Senator White, the chairman of the Cities Committee, said that the committee had reported the bill with the understanding that it would be recommitted to consider amendments to be suggested by the rail-

road company and that the committee wanted to consider the bill and amendments at its meeting to-night.

Senator Saxe protested, declaring the railroad company had not submitted amendments, but an entire new bill which would permit the company to errort an would permit the company to erect an elevated structure for its freight tracks along the North River exterior street, such as was contemplated by the West

street grab.
At his urgent suggestion the Senate recommitted the bill with the provision that it be reported back to the Senate by the Cities Committee to-morrow and that the bill retain its place on the order of final To-night the Senate Cities Committee

decided to report the Saxe-Stanley bill favorably without amendment. Senator Saxe to-night said he would try to get the bill through the Senate to-morrow. CLEAR HEAD and STEADY NERVES

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ELSBERG BILL HEARING.

Coney With a Five Cent Fare. ALBANY, Feb. 27 .- The Senate Cities

Committee held a hearing this afternoon on the Elsberg New York City Rapid Transit bill, and the general opinion of the speakers was the Elsberg bill, if passed, would have no other effect than to destroy the proposed system of rapid transit roads for New York city.

Lawrence Veiller and Charles E. Mellen, representing the City Club, pointed out that the Elsberg bill would tie up the Rapid Transit Commission and stop the development of rapid transit. They insisted that the commission should not be handicapped, and added that if the provision for separate contracts on construction, equipment and operation be made permissive instead of mandatory no doubt all opposing interests would accept it.

But this suggestion was brushed aside by the adherents of the Elsberg bill. Judge Ernest Hall of the North Side Board of Trade of The Bronx declared that the municipal construction and operation of subways would create a political monopoly much more dangerous to the people than a railroad monopoly. A. C. Hottenroth, James L. Wells, Julius Haas and Olin J. Stephen representing Bronx taxpayers' and provement organizations, insisted that the Rapid Transit Commission should be permitted to work out its extensions of the present subway lines without hindrance.

There was a big delegation of citizen There was a big delegation of citizens from the Bronx in opposition to the bill. William M. Ivins, John Ford and Bird S. Coler insisted that the Elsberg bill was demanded by the people, but they failed to point out that they represented anything but their own political ambitions. Mr. Coler said it was all nonsense to talk about New York city's debt limit not being sufficient.

He went on to say that the next rapid transit road should extend from the Bronx through Manhattan and under the River through Brooklyn to Coney Island, with one continuous passage for The Senate Cities Committee didn't act upon the Elsberg bill to-night because of the

absence of Senator Elsberg, who is confined to his room in the Hotel Ten Eyck with

HAINES'S DOG AND CAT GRAFT.

Dr. Darlington So Characterizes the Licensing Privilege Before Albany Committee. ALBANY, Feb. 27.-Health Commissioner Darlington of New York city before the Assembly Cities Committee to-day characterized the licensing of dogs and cats by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as pure graft. Dr. Darlington came to Albany to ask the committee to consider favorably the bill introduced by

Assemblyman Tompkins vesting the licens-

ing of dogs and cats in New York city in his bureau. He said: "No wonder there is grafting in insurance and other corporations when a private society is permitted to graft upon the public by receiving tax funds. No accounting of how this money is spent is ever made. We have no means of telling whether it is expended for the protection of animals and the public or for private purposes. The report of the auditor shows that the society has investments of a peculiar character. For whose benefit were they

Last week, before the committee, President John P. Haines of the society accused Dr. Darlington of putting cats and dogs in politics. To this Dr. Darlington exclaimed: "Cats and dogs in politics! I wonder what "Cats and dogs in politics! I wonder the political influence was that killed the last winter in the Committee on Rules of the Assembly. It had passed both branches of the Legislature. Well may we speak Assembly. It had passed both branches of the Legislature. Well may we speak of cats and dogs in politics.

"My department has received many com-

is not to pass and we are not to have a clean city I want to place the blame where it belongs. Mr. Haines has said that he believes we want to use the cats and dogs for vivisection. We don't use these animals for vivisection in our laboratories, and Mr. Haines knew this when he said it. If he did not know it he is unfit to be president of

SHOE & LEATHER STATE BANK. It Will Now Be Taken Over as a Branch of the Metropolitan.

ALRANY, Feb. 27.-State Superintendent of Banks Kilburn has authorized the Shoe and Leather Bank of New York city to do business as a State bank of deposit and discount. The bank has a capital of \$1,000,000, and has just changed from the army, who is returning to Japan after five

national to the State system. Supt. Kilburn bas also authorized the Hudson Mortgage Company of New York city to begin business. The company has capital of \$500,000, and the directors include Charles T. Barney, Morris D. Barry, H. T. Ward, William M. Hart and Edgar J. Levey of New York city.

This change is a part of the plan, details of which have already been published, by which the Metropolitan Bank takes over the National Shoe and Leather Bank as a

IMPORTED GAME LAW STANDS Court of Appeals Uphoids Its Constitution ality-No Relief for Violators.

ALBANY, Feb. 27 .- The law which prolibits the use of imported game birds in this State during the closed season for domestic game was declared to be constitutional by the Court of Appeals to-day. Attorney General Mayer had appealed two cases to the highest court from the Appellate Division, where the decisions had been in favor of those arrested for alleged violation of the game law. These cases were those of John Hill, the proprietor of the Clarendon Hotel, in Brooklyn, who was charged with selling game birds out of season to the patrons of his house, and August Silz, a large game dealer in New York.

No Direct Nomination Law This Year. ALBANY, Feb. 27 .- William Grant Brown chairman of the executive committee of

the Direct Nominations League of New York city, headed a delegation which appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee in favor of legislation which would provide for direct party nominations. There will be no legislation upon this quesion this year. Blaney Buys the Amphion Theatre.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27 .- The sale of the Amphion Theatre in Brooklyn to Charles E. Blaney was announced to-day by M. S. Schlesinger, Mr. Blaney's local representative. The price paid was \$300,000. Mr. Blaney's intention, it is reported, is not to add the house to his circuit, but he may sublet it or lease it as a vaudeville house.

DANGER SIGNS NOW IN PEKIN.

SHANGHAI HEARS OF OUTBREAK AT THE PALACE.

Viceroy Sending Extra Guards—Has Armed City Police With Rifles-Gunboats Expected to Pick Up Refugees From Nanchang at Kiukiang—Americans Safe.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 27 .- A news agency despatch from Shanghai says it is reported there that a palace outbreak has occurred in Pekin and it is rumored that Viceroy Yuan Shih Kai is sending troops to guard the court. The Pekin police have been armed with rifles. According to advices from Shanghai the

only Protestant buildings destroyed by the

rioters of Nanchang were those of the Plymouth Brethren. Fourteen Americans escaped by boat. The gates of Nanchang have been locked. Six Jesuit priests and the Rev. and Mrs. Kingham are reported lead. The elder child of Mr. Kingham was wounded but the younger was not hurt. The native press says that the cause of he outbreak was an assault last T hursday on a Nanchang magistrate, who was alleged o have been stabbed by priests at a dinner given for the purpose of discussing certain questions, including indemnity claimed by the priests on behalf of some converts. report received by the French authoriies on Friday said that the Magistrate, incensed at the demands of the missionaries and at their aggressiveness, cut his own throat.

Washington, Feb. 27.-The departure rom Nanking for Kiukiang of the American gunboats Elcano and Quiros has been reported to the Navy Department. Kiukiang s the nearest point to Nanchang, where the nassacre of missionaries occurred on

Sunday, that gunboats can reach. The refugees from the mission station are presumably on their way to Kiukiang, and will find safety on the American gunboats. The Elcano is commanded by Lieut.

Train and the Quiros by Lieut. Rodney. Their combined crews number about 250 men. They should reach Kiukiang by to-

Dr. H. K. Carroll, secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society, received yesterday a cable despatch from Bishop J. W. Bashford, Bishop resident in China, confirming the despatches of the previous day, which described the escape in Nanchang, China, of a party of Methodist missionaries from infuriated Chinese. The despatch was as follows:

"James, Charles and families, and Lewis, Howe. Ogborn, Kahn, Newby, Hughes all reached Kiukiang safe. Property unharmed. Trouble due French Catholics. Fatal quarrel with Magistrate."

RUSSIA'S COMING ELECTIONS. complaint Made of Restrictions on the Advanced Political Groups.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27.-The leaders of he political parties which have been conducting the campaign for the calling of a representative assembly have agreed to the convocation of the national assembly in May, as announced yesterday in a ukase bearing the Czar's signature. The call is associated with the negotiations in Paris for a Russian loan.

Among the advanced political groups there s a strong feeling of hostility to the Government in view of the fact that the convocation of the National Assembly and the arrangement for the loan coincide and on account of the order of the Ministry of the Interior prohibiting meetings of the Constitutional Democratic party and cancelling the arrangements made by the Peasants Union for the instruction of the peasants with regard to the method of conducting

ENGLISH RECTOR SUSPENDED. The Rev. R. C. Fillingham's Apology to His Bishop Doesn't Save Him. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 27.-The Rev. R. C. Fillingham, rector of Hexton, who was condemned recently by an ecclesiastical court to lose his living unless he apologized to his Bishop for going through the ceremony of ordina tion with a Nonconformist, wrote to the Bishop regretting that he unwittingly committed the illegal act, but has been suspended from his clerical functions for two years. It will be recalled that the Rev. Mr. Fil-

Mr. Balfour Ill.

movement.

lingham has often visited the United States

where he tried to stir up an anti-ritualistic

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Feb. 27.-Arthur J. Balfour, he former Prime Minister, is confined his bed with a chill.

The Seagoers. Arrivals by the North German Lloyd

steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg: F. D. Langenheim, American Consul-Gen. eral at Coburg: Miss Blanche Donnelly, whos sister, Frances Belmont, recently married Lord Ashburton; Carrie Brideweil, the opera singer, who has been singing abroad; George de Man, Belgian Minister to Japan; Lieut H. Koehler of the Germany Embassy at Wash ington; Lieut.-Col. Johoji of the Japanese

years diplomatic service in Berlin. Aboard the Cunarder Caronia; which sailed yesterday for the Mediterranean: Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Brokaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Bostwick, Mrs. Samuel Dabney, Countess Festetics, Lord Grimthorpe, Mrs. L. T. Haggin, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Honoré Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sloane, Mr. at Anson Phelps Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. H. McK. Twombly.

Passengers by the White Star liner Cedric, which sails to-day for Queenstown and Liverpool:

George A. Baker, Mrs. John S. Phipps, Baron T. Takaki, Lord and Lady Ingestre. Sailing to-day by the Holland America steamship Ryndam, off for Boulogne and Rotterdam: Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Boyle, William J. Bok, Mrs. Edmund F. Dodge, Mrs. Carolyn B. Kerr, Mrs. M. J. Pahnd de Mor-tanges and Alfred H. Maurer.

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Tourists Headed for Seville. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MADRID, Feb. 27 -There is an immense demand by English and American tourists for accommodations at Seville during Holy Week, when King Alfonso and his bride-elect, Princess Ena, will join the religious festivals.

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MARRIED.

BIXBY-PARKER.-Feb. 24, 1906, by the Rev. Robert Collyer, at the Messiah chapel, the Rev. Dr. James F. Bixby and Mrs. Clara W. Parker, both of Yonkers, N. Y. BRETT-STRONG .- On February 27, 1906, at the

Church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul, Minn., by the Rev. Theodore Sedgwick, Abbie Margaret Strong of St. Paul, daughter of Freeman Poole Strong, to Philip Milledoler Brett. FISHER-AGNEW .- On Tuesday, Feb. 27th, at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, by th Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D. D., assisted by th Rev. William R. Richards, D. D., Henry Johnson Fisher and Alice Gifford, daughter of Andrew

ford Agnew and the late Mary Bliss Agnew. all of New York city.

DIED. BABCOCK .- On Feb. 27, 1906, at her late residence, 701 Madison ave., Sarah Welsh, widow of David Babcock, in the 74th year of her age. Funeral services on Thursday afternoon at

rup, widow of the late James F. Beecher, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William H. Hudnut, Youngstown, Ohlo. DAVIES.-On Feb. 27, 1906, at his home, 17 West 37th st., in his 57th year, Francis Herbert Davies. son of the late Henry E. Davies and Rebecca

BEECHER .- On Feb. 23, 1906, Elizabeth North-

ience of family.

W. Tappan. Funeral Friday, March 2, at the Church of the Incarnation, Madison av. and 35th st., at 10:30 FOWLER.—Suddenly, February 9, on steamship Republic, at Genoa, Italy, Anderson Fowler. Burled at sea on Tuesday, February 20, from steamship Carpathia. Memorial service Sun-day. March 4, at Madison Avenue Methodist

Episcopal Church, 61st st. and Madison av. at 8:30 P. M. RANCIS .- At East Orange, N. J., on Feb. 28 1906. Edward William Francis.
Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 1, at his late residence, 98 Walnut st. at 11 o'clock, upon arrival of 10:10 train from New York, via D. L. & W. R. R. Carriages will be in waiting at East Orange station. In terment private. Utica, N. Y., papers please

copy. HAZARD .- At Syracuse, N. Y., February 19, after a short illness, Robert Sedgwick, youngest son of Frederick R. and Dora S. Hazard, aged

11 years. HUGHES .- At Cranford, N. J., Feb. 26. William Hughes, aged 69 years. Services at residence Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

KERR.—Suddenly, at his home at East Orange.
N. J., Tuesday morning, Feb. 27, 1906. William Barclay Kerr, in the 51st year of his age. Funeral services at his late home, 9 Summit St., Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. LEONARD.—On Monday, Feb. 26, 1906, William Leonard, in the 86th year of his age. Funeral services at St. James's Methodist Epis

copal Church, Madison av. and 126th Thursday, March 1, 1906, at 1 P. M. Kindly MENDEL .- Marx W., at his home, 23 East 67th st. Tuesday morning, Feb. 27.
Funeral services to be held at Temple Binst Jeshurun, 65th st. and Madison av., Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock. Out of deference to the

RANDALL .- Suddenly, at Summit, N. J., Sara T. Orange, N. J. Funeral services at 4 P. M., Thursday, March 1. at the North Orange Baptist Church, Main and Park sts., Orange, N. J. Interment private.

flowers be sent.

wishes of deceased it is requested that no

New Jersey papers please copy. VALCOTT .- Suddenly, of heart fallure, on Mon day night, Feb. 26, 1906, at his late residence 126 East 34th st., Alfred F. Walcott, in the 66th year of his age. Funeral services will be held at the Church of

the Ascension, 5th av. and 10th st., on Thursday, March 1, at 10 o'clock. Interment private VETMORE.-At her home in Elizabeth, N. J., on Feb. 25, in the 54th year of her age, Catherine Chetwood, widow of James Carnahan Wel-more, and daughter of the late Hon. William

Funeral services will be held at Trinity Church Elizabeth, N. J., on Wednesday, Feb. 28. 4 o'clock P. M.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH. Services on Ash Wednesday: 9 and 11 A. M.; 6 P. M.